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Dear Dianne:

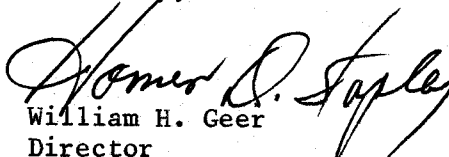
The Division has evaluated Genwal Coal Company's June 12, 1985, response to a Mining and Reclamation Plan stipulation (seep and spring survey), in Crandall Canyon. The following comments are offered for your consideration.

Pages 16 and 18, paragraphs 5 and 6. Due to the dynamic nature of big game populations, it would be expected that the applicant may only note sign of animals in one area (sp-38 and sp-42) during a two day inspection. Obviously, more study is required before a conclusion regarding wildlife use can have any validity. Additionally, other species of wildlife with much smaller home ranges are abundant over the entire permit area and particularly near water sources.

The seeps and springs associated with the mine plan area are ranked as being of critical value to local wildlife. If mining activity will negatively impact these sites, mitigation is expected. It should take the form of replacing the water to be lost. Guzzlers are just one option.

Thank you for an opportunity to review the MRP and provide comment.

Sincerely,

  
William H. Geer  
Director

Acting Director